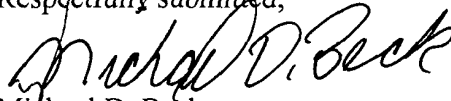


### REMARKS

Consideration of the present application as amended is requested. Claims 1-37 are the subject of a parent application serial no. 09/999,810, filed on October 24, 2001 and therefore have been canceled. These amendments do not introduce any new matter. Applicants further submit a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed and considered in the parent application 09/999,810. Pursuant to MPEP 609, it is believed that no further submission is required and that the references cited in the parent prosecution will be considered with the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Beck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Beck" clearly legible.

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